

Remarks

Claims 1-13 and 15-18 are pending in the application. Claims 6-13 and 15-18 have been canceled. As such, claims 1-6 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

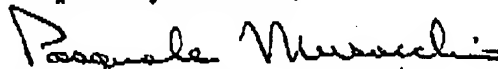
Applicant notes with great appreciation Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 are allowable. Further, claims 7-13 and 15-18 have been canceled by this amendment. Therefore it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rabie et al. (USP 6,547,968). Claims 12, 13 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kopp et al. (USP 4,935,143). In view of the aforementioned cancellation of claims 7-13 and 15-18, it is believed that the rejection of these claims is now moot.

It is respectfully submitted that in regard to the above amendments and remarks that claims 1-6 are allowable and that the application should be allowed. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the applicant's attorney at (732) 321-3193 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved. While it is believed that no additional fee is due, the undersigned authorizes the charging of any fee deficiency that is due to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,



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